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**HEBRON WARD**, St. George Stake, Washington Co., Utah, consisted of the Latter-day Saints residing in the village of Hebron, situated on Shoal Creek in a small valley at the junction of the south and west forks of Shoal Creek. The valley along the creek is from 50 rods to half a mile wide; the farming land belonging to the village consists of narrow strips lying on both sides of the creek and is irrigated from the stream. All kinds of small grain were raised successfully, but only some of the hardier fruits. The altitude is 5,475 feet above sea level. At one time about a dozen families resided on the Hebron townsite, which consisted of one street running east and west. It had some fine brick buildings and could boast of good water. Shoal Creek, on which Hebron was situated, is formed by numerous springs in the mountains south and west of Hebron.

John and Charles Pulsipher, who had charge of the St. George stock, started from the Santa Clara in March, 1862, to look for a better herd-ground, stopping with them horses and a cart. They crossed the Rim of the Basin, and after traveling about 50 miles northwest from Saint George they came to a creek which they named Shoal Creek, which they thought a suitable place for a herd-ground. In examining the locality they found a band of Piute Indians encamped below the present site of Hebron; they entered into a mutual agreement with these Indians, who

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